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## KANTER READY TO START THE ARMY'S APPEAL

County Chairman All Set For Campaign in Gratiot Next Week.

## COUNTY'S QUOTA IS \$4,000

Legionnaires Voted Last Night to Take Over Direction of Work Here.

On Monday the annual appeal of the Salvation Army will be started in Michigan and in Gratiot county, and all is in readiness for the campaign in which a goal of \$4,000 will be sought for the Salvation Army, which has been doing a wonderful work in this locality as well as in other sections of the state.

During the past few days Jerome Kanter, county chairman, has been rounding up his committee, and making arrangements also with the Geo. W. Myers Post No. 132 American Legion of this city to aid in the canvass of the residence section of Alma during the week. In speaking of the coming appeal Chairman Kanter had the following to say:

"When people are asked to give money for the support of any institution, they want first to know what the money is going to be used for. To give a detailed statement of all that has been done by Captain MacCaine and her helpers during the past year would take more space than we can spare here. But this much can be said, they have been working every day, answering calls for relief, the kind of relief the Salvation Army knows so well how to handle.

"Over 1500 calls have come to the Gratiot County Salvation headquarters in the past year. These calls have been for food, clothing, medicine, doctors and money for hundreds of different things. In many cases money could not be given, but in no case were people turned away without being given every possible aid within the means of the captain and her helpers.

"During the great unemployment crisis in not only this county but throughout the state of Michigan, the Salvation Army cared for thousands of men, women and children. Now the Army needs funds to replenish its resources to continue its home work.

"One of the greatest things the Salvation Army is doing in this state, is to be found in the two great maternity homes and hospitals in Grand Rapids and Detroit. Hundreds of girls from the rural districts and small towns are cared for each year in these wonderful homes. When an unfortunate girl goes to one of these

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## LEGIONNAIRES TO MEET COLLEGIANS

Wednesday is Time Set for the Battle Between These Aggregations.

On Wednesday of next week the undefeated baseball team representing the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, will meet the Alma Collegians in a benefit game for the college athletic association.

"Buddy" Ryan, who is managing the Legionnaire baseball team is pouncing together a strong aggregation that will make the collegians go the limit to win, and it will be a real ball game from start to finish.

Some of the former college players, who are members of the Legion will be in the lineup. It is expected that "Bullet" Fitch, "Scoop" Rogers, "Eddie" Johnston, "Bottles" Dewey, and Art and Geo. Simenton will be in fighting tugs. Coach Steele, who formerly hurled the pill for Washington & Jefferson College will probably do the hurling, although Dewey or Johnston may be selected by Manager Ryan.

Coach Steele will send the strongest college lineup possible against Ryan's Legionnaires, with the probability that "Hawshaw" French will do the twirling for the Maroon and Cream.

The game is a return benefit for the benefit football game that the collegians gave the Legionnaires on Armistice day, and has been scheduled as a result of a suggestion by Ryan.

## FIRE REPORT

Chief Sartor Gives Yearly Report of Fire Department.

Joseph F. Sartor, Jr., chief of the Alma fire department, submitted the annual report of the fire department to the city commission Tuesday evening, showing the fire losses of the year and the total valuation of the property endangered by the flames.

The report is remarkable showing a very small loss for the number of fires to which the department was called, and considering the valuation of the property that was endangered. It speaks highly of the ability of the local department, and it may possibly prove a means toward lowering the fire insurance rates in the community.

During the year the department responded to 28 fire alarms. The total amount of property endangered by the fires is placed at \$43,300. The property loss is placed at \$4,161. Of this amount \$2,400 came as one fire, leaving less than \$2,000 for the other 25 calls that the department received.

In addition to the 28 fires the department was called out nine times by alarms where there were no flames.

Coming—next week, "Passion."—adv.

## KELDER CHOSEN NEW PRESIDENT

Presbyterian Brotherhood Has Selected Him as Its New Executive.

The annual banquet of the Brotherhood of the Presbyterian church held Friday evening in the basement of the church drew out a large number of members of the organization, who were highly pleased with the excellence of the program that followed the banquet.

With Glen Crisp, acting in the capacity of toastmaster, toasts were responded to by J. L. Winslow, D. B. Smith and Rev. Wm. H. Mason, D. D., of Saginaw, former pastor of the local church. Rev. Mason dealing with the "Irrepressible Savage," as the young lad is usually known, followed the lad through his boyhood days, showing his tendencies, and his ultimate development. He urged a closer companionship between the parents and the boy that the better qualities of the lad may be brought out.

Between the addresses two numbers were given by the Brotherhood quartette, consisting of D. B. Smith, J. W. Kelder, Chester Robinson and H. S. Babcock. A well rendered violin solo by Mr. Thoms of Alma College was also given.

Officers for the coming year were elected at this meeting as follows: President J. W. Kelder; vice president, James Naylor; secretary, D. B. Smith; treasurer, J. Lowery.

## WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The Alma Welfare Ass'n., which has its headquarters at the city hall held a meeting last week, in order to sum up the work of the winter. Reports from various committees show that about thirty families have been aided, since the Association began its work, not only with clothing, but foodstuffs as well. The secretary of the Welfare Association may be found at headquarters on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week from one to six o'clock until the middle of May when further announcement concerning her hours will be made.

The Association at present is greatly in need of old clothing which can be made over into children's coats and dresses. All such clothing contributed should be clean and of good enough material to warrant making over.

The investigating committee is now ready to follow up its work with a canvass to determine whether all needy families have been taken care of.

## PIG CLUBS GROWING

A pig club has been organized at the Curtiss school in Emerson township. At a meeting April 25th they decided to buy the pigs at once. While no boasting was done yet the feeling was general that they should do their best to win the club prize. Any in that neighborhood who are interested should communicate with Smith Clark of Brocktonridge.

The clubs at Alma, Ithaca and Bethany are all in a flourishing condition and will be ready to get the pigs as soon as they are old enough. The records of feed consumed and gains made start June 15th. The plan as outlined for the clubs is of a real educational nature.

All parts of the county should be represented. If there is no club in your neighborhood, get in touch with your farm bureau manager and an organization meeting will be arranged.

## ALMA'S RETAIL MERCHANTS HAVE FORMED BUREAU

F. C. Mapes is Elected President of the City's Newest Organization.

## HAS ITS OWN SPECIAL FIELD

D. W. Sullivan is Vice President and Earl C. Chapin is the Treasurer.

The proposed Merchants Bureau of the Alma Chamber of Commerce became a reality Thursday evening, when over thirty retail dealers of the city unanimously voted favorably on the formation of such an organization and then elected directors and officers. F. C. Mapes is president of the organization.

The Retail Merchants Bureau came into being at a luncheon of the business men held at the sugar factory boarding house on Court ave. Following the luncheon F. C. Mapes read a letter from Lloyd Ellison who for some weeks has been very active in the effort to organize the bureau. Mr. Ellison, who was unable to be present because of illness, in his letter urged that all of the retail merchants of the city co-operate to the fullest extent in the formation of the organization. He had been in Kalamazoo and other Michigan cities investigating the possibilities of such a bureau and has been highly impressed for some time over the possibilities that were open in Alma.

H. E. Reece was then introduced by Mr. Mapes as the toastmaster. Reece then introduced Chester Howell, secretary of the Retail Merchants Bureau of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce.

In opening his address Mr. Howell extended the greetings of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce to the business men of Alma, and the desire of the Saginaw merchants for cordial relations with Alma's business men. He spoke of the need that there was for Alma and Saginaw to co-operate in securing the paving of the state trunk line from Saginaw to Alma, and west from this city, which would prove a lasting benefit to both communities. He called attention to the campaign that is under way by the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce for 2,500 members and said that the merchants division of the Saginaw organization was a highly important one.

George E. Owens, president of the Retail Merchants Bureau of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, the second speaker of the evening, spoke of the necessity of the merchants.

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## A RARE ONE

Shepherd Gets Seven Hits But Lands Twelve Runs in Winning.

A bad second inning for Alma in Monday's fray with Shepherd High, which had been postponed from Friday because of wet grounds, gave the Shepherd team the number of runs that represented the difference between the 12 to 5 score of the fray at that place.

Chaffin went out in that inning. As a matter of fact, he went very bad. Four bases on balls and four hits were given the Shepherds, and to top it off his teammates kicked the ball around to some extent during that inning and seven runs were counted by Shepherd before the festivities ceased.

The seven runs made a fine working edge for Lyons of Shepherd and he kept that edge. Just as fast as Van Hosen's youngsters could chase a run over the plate Shepherd came back with a counter to match it. Thus with Alma crossing the plate for five runs it was most natural that the final count should be 12 to 5. There was little to redeem the work of the Alma outfit in the game.

The team is hoping to even up matters with Shepherd here Friday afternoon, when the Isabella county team comes to Republic field to play a return game.

## WEATHER SUMMARY

Weather summary for April follows: Mean maximum temperature 63. Mean minimum 40. The maximum for the month was 82 degrees on April 6, and the minimum 20 degrees on April 1. The total precipitation for the month was 4.4 inches. The greatest amount in 24 hours was 1.2 inches on April 22. The total snowfall during the month was 1.75 inches. On sixteen days .01 or more inches of precipitation fell. There were 18 clear days, 6 partly cloudy and 11 cloudy days during the month, according to the reports compiled by F. L. Delavan the local observer.

## PLAY TWO GAMES

College Team Meets Hillsdale Friday and Albion on Saturday.

The Alma College baseball team will play two Michigan intercollegiate contests on Davis field this week end, meeting the Hillsdale Collegians on Friday and the Albion College team on Saturday.

Both teams are believed to be stronger than they were last year, and Coach Steele's rather green aggregation will be forced to step some to win in either contest.

There seems to be a good ray of hope, however, as both Scott and French are apparently pitching good ball, so that Alma will have two dependable hurlers for the two frays. The weakest spot in the entire team evidently is in hitting, but with a good week's practice there should be a notable improvement in this department. The team will also get a good drilling this week in handling bunts, and it is doubtful if any other team will be able to play the bunting game on the Freshyrians the way that Adrian made it work in last Saturday's fray which the down-staters forfeited for using an ineligible pitcher.

The Blue and White team is without question stronger than last season, except perhaps in the box.

Albion will bring a team of hitters to Alma Saturday, and they will have good pitching to back up this hitting. Smith, who formerly pitched in the Masonic league in Detroit, being the ace of the Methodist pitching squad. French will probably get the assignment for this fray.

## COLLEGE WINS OVER OLIVET

Maroon and Cream Forensic Trio Secures a Unanimous Vote of Judges.

Alma College laid low an ancient hoodoo Friday evening, when the negative debating team, consisting of Dasei, Wilson and Sharrar, journeyed into enemy territory and returned with Olivet's scalp. With the question: "Resolved, that all further Japanese immigration be prohibited" as the issue, the victory was appreciated even more heartily in that the judges' decision was a unanimous vote for Alma. President Voelker presided, with former lieutenant governor L. D. Dickinson, Professor Nelson of M. A. C. and Mrs. Winifred Harvey of Battle Creek acting as judges.

Olivet, upholding the affirmative side of the debate, introduced an old friend and former student of Alma, Gordon MacDonald, who pictured the Japanese as dishonorable fringers of an ingenious agreement, but failed to back his statements with the necessary facts. Mr. Hanse, who followed Mac, urged that the Japanese be excluded on economic grounds as laborers who interfered with American rights. Mr. Miller, much to the gratification of the Alma team, and to the amusement of the college audience, produced a highly technical argument on the folk customs of the Japanese, which, he affirmed, made the yellow race a group not capable of assimilation.

Alma presented a closely knit argument on the question at issue. With an excellent platform presence and strong delivery, Dasei proved that the Japanese were desirable, politically, socially and economically, and urged America not to turn back on a group that bore its share of the burden of production. Wilson followed with a bomb-proof argument on the Gentlemen's Agreement, a speech so logically outlined, and so effectively delivered, that it left the Olivet team gasping for breath. Lee Sharrar, the last speaker of the negative, hammered home the points of ineptitude, and injustice, and quite won his audience by an appeal for a consideration of the Japanese question in the light of America's position in world politics. A hot battle of rebuttal brought the debate to a close.

Too much cannot be said concerning the more adequate preparation of the Alma debaters. The judges complimented the Alma representation on their constructed arguments and rebuttals, and backed up their opinions by their vote. Throughout the debate, the spirit between the two teams was excellent. Olivet spared no efforts to make the Alma men feel entirely at home during their short visit. Perhaps it is a prophecy of future debating battles between two friendly colleges.

MEET SHEPHERD HERE  
Shepherd High will furnish the opposition for Coach VanHosen's High School team at Republic field at 4 p. m. Friday. The Shepherd team is a good one and promises to furnish opposition enough to make the local team travel at top speed to win.

## ASK FOR THE RETENTION OF OSCAR VIBBER

Industries and Business Men Petition City Commission to Keep Him.

## COMMITTEE VISITS SESSION

Chief Qualifies and Shows to Citizens Members of the Dis-cussion.

Tuesday evening a committee consisting of Dr. Brainerd and Francis King, former mayors, Harry Gerber, Dr. E. T. Lamb, James E. Mitchell, John S. Knoetzer, Harley Williams and V. P. Cash, presented a petition to the city commission asking for the re-appointment at next Tuesday's meeting of Oscar Vibber as chief of police for the coming year.

The petition was presented to the commission by Harry Gerber, who called attention to the signatures of the petition, who represented practically all of the industrial and business enterprises of the community.

A short discussion followed the presentation of the petition.

Mayor Murphy said that he believed the majority that he secured at the recent election was proof that Vibber was not wanted, as this had been the issue of the campaign. He also said that Vibber could not get co-operation from the county officials, and that he could not get co-operation from his own men. His temperament was a thing that Murphy and Creaser objected to. He admitted freely that Chief Vibber was absolutely honest and a hard working official.

Mr. Williams of the committee asked Mayor Murphy, if he did not believe that some of the other things that were said at the time of the election might have had their influence, and mentioned the report that if the election went against Murphy, F. W. Ruggles would not remain in Alma, as one of these things. The reply indicated that Mayor Murphy thought the entire issue of the campaign was the Vibber proposition, and that he did not feel that he could ignore the desires of the voters thus expressed.

Mr. Gerber asked if it was not possible that the ambition of some of the men on the police force might not be responsible for the lack of co-operation that Mr. Murphy stated existed on the force. Mayor Murphy stated that he didn't believe such was the case.

Mayor Murphy said that he did not believe in petitions, and said that a number of those who had signed the petition that was submitted had come to him, and told him that they had signed the petition to avoid an argument and get rid of the circulation.

At one stage of the proceedings Manager William E. Reynolds injected a remark into the discussion to the effect that working by himself (Continued on page nine)

## NEW PHONES IN USE

The Union Telephone Company put over to the new system Saturday night, according to the announcement made last week, and naturally some troubles are being experienced as a result of the radical change in the system and for some other minor reasons.

Some of the telephones are not yet in working order, but Manager Wagner expects to have all of them in good shape within the next two or three days. The indulgence of the public is requested for a few days until the workmen of the company have time to make all the needed adjustments and changes that are necessary with the complete change of the system.

Those who have experienced no trouble with their telephones are high in their praise of the new system, and it is certain that when the few minor troubles are found and ironed out, Alma will discover that she is blessed with a far better telephone system than in the past.

## HOLCOMB CHOSEN

Selected as National Counselor of Alma Chamber of Commerce.

Eugene Holcomb, manager of the Central Michigan Light & Power Company, has been selected as national counselor of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, and by virtue of this office is chairman of the Alma representatives in the Chamber of the United States.

The appointment of Mr. Holcomb was made by the directors of the Alma Chamber of Commerce at its weekly meeting. Mr. Holcomb has accepted the appointment.

## SERVE NOTICE

Property Owners Asked to Make Service Connections.

Property owners on the streets in this city, which probably will be paved during the course of the present summer, are being notified by city officials that they must make service connections for water, sewer and gas within a reasonable length of time. This notice is being given in order that these connections may be made soon enough to allow the ground time to settle before the paving is laid on the streets. If the property owners, thus notified, do not make the connections as requested in the notice that has been issued, the city will make them and charge the cost back against the property for which the connections are made.

It is understood that notice is being served to the property owners not only on such streets as the city contemplates the construction of paving this summer, but also on East Superior street, West Superior street and on Wright avenue, portions of the state trunk lines within this city, which it is expected, the state highway department will pave within the next few months.

## BOLLSTROM ASKS A RECEIVERSHIP

Stockholders of St. Louis Company Want Court to Take This Action.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bollstrom Motors, Inc., last Friday night, it was the unanimous opinion of the board that a receiver should be appointed for the protection of stockholders. The affairs of the concern are in a bad way for the want of a little ready money to clean up some of the pressing claims that are causing trouble and rather than allow the plant equipment to be carried off piecemeal it was decided to petition the Circuit Court in Chancery for the appointment of a receiver.

On December 13th last, the date of the general stockholders meeting a new board of directors was elected. At that time the treasury was as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard and there was an indebtedness staring the board in the face of \$25,000.

Numerous attempts were made to float a loan to clean up all of the debts, but this failed. Officers tried to sell the plant outright and received some encouragement, but this effort also failed. A plan of reorganization was worked out, tried and was abandoned. Accounts for labor, supplies and what not began to bother. Judgments accumulated and executions were served.

In order to preserve the machinery and equipment something had to be done. With a court order for a receiver, who will act under the order of the court, the affairs of the corporation can be cleaned up.

If there is a desire on the part of the stockholders to continue the business, they will be given ample time. If not, then the building and grounds machinery, etc., will be sold, the debts of the company liquidated, and the affairs of the institution closed.

—St. Louis Leader.

## "SWAT THE ROOSTER"

Better Eggs Will Be The Result Says Manager McCracken.

"Swat the rooster" is the slogan of up-to-date egg producers today, according to H. C. McCracken, of the Produce Plant of Swift & Company, who is taking a leading part in the campaign for better eggs.

"Many eggs are spoiled before they reach the consumer," said Mr. McCracken. "This is due to the wide spread practice of allowing the males the freedom of the flock after the hatching season is over."

A temperature of seventy degrees will start the development of a fertile egg, while a fertile egg subjected to temperature of one hundred degrees for twenty four hours will deteriorate rapidly.

"The rooster is not required for egg production," continued Mr. McCracken. "So the simple expedient of penning up or disposing of the male birds as soon as the hatching season is over, is sure to result in an improved quality of the eggs marketed, and a direct substantial benefit to the producers, because improved quality results in better prices."

Particular emphasis was placed in cleanliness. The chicken house and grounds should be dry and free from rubbish, and eggs should be gathered daily, kept in a cool place, and marketed at least twice a week, he said.

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## RUGGLES' NEW CONCERN WILL GO TO SAGINAW

Two Million Dollar Ruggles Motor Truck Company is Now Formed.

## SECURES THE SHIPYARD PLANT

Ernest L. Smith of This City Will Be One of Officers of the New Organization.

The following from an article from the Saginaw News-Courier (May 1) tells of the formation of the Ruggles Motor Truck Company in Saginaw, with a capitalization of \$2,000,000, to build motor trucks and speed wagons:

"Organization here of the Ruggles Motor Truck Co., with Frank W. Ruggles, founder of the Republic Truck Co., at Alma, as its head, which will build motor trucks at the Carrollton plant of the Saginaw Shipbuilding Co., now being purchased by the new concern, was announced Saturday afternoon by Managing Secretary Julius B. Kirby of the Board of Commerce."

"At the same time Mr. Kirby announced that he will tender his resignation from his Board of Commerce office at the annual meeting of the board Tuesday evening, and will go with the Ruggles company as one of its vice-presidents. He will leave the board Wednesday."

"The new Ruggles company which has just been incorporated under the laws of Delaware, will have a capitalization of \$2,000,000. As soon as the details of the plant transfer can be completed the new concern will take possession and make such changes as are necessary to fit the shipbuilding plant for truck production. It is expected that the first trucks will be turned out about July 1, with production steadily increasing after that. No announcement was made of the number of men that will be employed."

"Stockholders of the shipbuilding company Wednesday afternoon unanimously authorized the transfer of the plant at a price that has not been made public, and since then work has been going forward steadily on the details necessary to complete before the announcement Saturday of the new company's organization."

"The shipyard is considered admirably fitted for its new use. Built during the war for the production of merchant ships, it represents a heavy investment, and can, the new company believes, be easily transformed into a truck plant. It is well located for shipping, both by rail and by water, and its proximity to the Saginaw-Bay City Railway Co. interurban line assures that workmen can be transported quickly from (Continued from page two)

## COLLINS MURDER CASE TO START

Monday Will See Trial of Alma Men Put Under Way at Ithaca.

On Monday, May 9, the trial of Oscar Collins, charged with the murder of Ellen Crowe of this city, on the night of February 5, will be started in Circuit Court before Judge E. J. Moinet.

O. L. Smith, prosecuting attorney, will handle the case for the people, and the defendant will be represented by Romaine Clark, a St. Louis attorney.

It is expected that practically the entire day Monday will be used in securing a jury to hear the case, and it is not entirely improbable that a jury will not be obtained before Tuesday, because of the publicity that has been given to the case.

After the jury is secured it is not expected that it will take over three or four days to try the case, although it may possibly drag through the entire week. This is hardly expected, however.

From the evidence that was submitted at the examination of Collins some few weeks ago, it has become increasingly evident that the prosecution has a strong case, especially in view of the fact that it was stated at that time that only sufficient evidence would be submitted then to hold Collins for trial.

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